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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**  
**FOR SUBMISSION WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Responsive to the Advisory Action mailed June 19, 2002, (hereinafter the "Action"), Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the instant application and entry of the amendments and consideration of the remarks set forth herein.

A final Office Action was mailed on August 14, 2001. A Notice of Appeal was filed by the Applicants and received by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office (hereinafter the "Patent Office") on January 23, 2002. An authorization for the payment of four months of additional time was submitted with a Supplemental Response filed by the previous attorneys on May 24, 2002. A copy of the authorization is enclosed. Accordingly, the time for responding has been extended up to and including July 23, 2002. If, however, the Patent Office did not charge the account for the four months of additional time, as the May 24, 2002 filing only required a three-month extension of time, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any outstanding extensions of time fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. With the four months of additional time, a response to the final Office Action and subsequent Advisory Actions is due by July 23, 2002. Accordingly, this Response is timely filed.

## CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION BY FACSIMILE

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The following documents are also enclosed herewith:

- Petition for extension of time authorizing payment of the extension fees not yet paid;
- Copy of Transmittal Sheet requesting extension of time for the fourth month;
- Copy of selection of written description guidelines;
- Request for Continued Examination; and
- Facsimile coversheet.